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SUBJ: ECE - TWENTY-NINTH PLENARY - WESTERN CAUCUS

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1. SUMMARY: WESTERN CAUCUS AGREED TO CREATION OF INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP (FRANCE, ITALY, GREECE, FINLAND, US) TO CONSULT WITH ROMANIANS ON THEIR RESOLUTION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT US AND EC COMMENTS. CREATION OF ENERGY PRIORITY OR COMMITTEE OPPOSED ALTHOUGH FRENCH WOULD RAISE QUESTION OF PRIORITY AT PLENARY BUT MAKE NO PROPOSAL. COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES OPPOSED. AMBASSADOR FARACE (ITALY) ELECTED CAUCUS CHAIRMAN FOLLOWING PLENARY. NEXT SESSION OF CAUSUS SET FOR 1730, APRIL 17 AT CONFERENCE SITE IN BUCHAREST. END SUMMARY

2. WESTERN CAUCUS COVERED AGENDA CONTAINED REFTEL
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AT MEETING APRIL 1. COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS FOLLOW:

1. PLENARY AGENDA - AGENDA ACCEPTABLE.

2. RELATION OF 29TH PLENARY TO CSCE - CAUCUS
CHAIRMAN (FERNAND-LAURENT) MENTIONED TWO VIEWS OF
IMPACT OF CSCE ON ECE, I.E., (A) THOSE MAINTAINING
THAT ECE SHOULD AWAIT OUTCOME OF CSCE AND (B) THOSE
FAVORING PROGRESS IN ECE IN LIGHT OF GENERAL
DETENTE WITHOUT WAITING FOR CSCE RECOMMENDATIONS.
CAUCUS AGREED THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 OF ROMANIAN
TEXT (GENEVA 1716) PLACES RELATION OF CSCE AND ECE
IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE (SEE PARAGRAPH 7 BELOW).

3. PLENARY THEME - GENERAL FEELING THAT STANOVNIK
HAD LEFT THEME VAGUE AND THAT DELEGATIONS COULD
ADDRESS IT AS DESIRED. AGREED THAT ITEM 4(A) OF
AGENDA WOULD BE APPROPRIATE PLACE ALTHOUGH MENTION
COULD BE MADE IN SESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

4. TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION - CHAIRMAN OF
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE (WARBURTON) NOTED
POSSIBILITY THAT TRADE POLICY MIGHT BE RAISED BUT
IN VIEW OF ACTION BY COMMITTEE TO DEFER ACTION ON
TWO COMPETING RESOLUTIONS FROM 27TH SESSION THOUGHT
THIS WOULD BE UNLIKELY.

5. ENERGY - GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT 29TH PLENARY NOT
PROPER TIME TO RAISE QUESTION OF PRIORITY FOR ENERGY
IN WORK PROGRAM OR CREATION OF ENERGY COMMITTEE.
FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD NOT PROPOSE
RESOLUTION BUT MIGHT RAISE QUESTION AT PLENARY AS TO
WHY ENERGY IS NOT A PRIORITY ITEM. UK AND NETHERLANDS
OPPOSED PRIORITY TREATMENT. CHAIRMAN NOTED THERE
COULD BE PROCEDURAL PROBLEM IN RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED
(C) (III) WHEREBY COMMISSION WOULD INSTRUCT THE
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE TO PLACE SUBJECT OF
ENERGY ON ITS AGENDA. NETHERLANDS NOTED PROBLEMS WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS C (I), (III), (V) AND F. NO OTHER
DELEGATIONS COMMENTED ON THIS ITEM.

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6. ENGINEERING - CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT DOCUMENT E/ECE/867
CONTAINED PROPOSAL FOR FOURTH MEETING OF GROUP OF
EXPERTS ON ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THIS AREA. GENERAL
AGREEMENT THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED.

7. DRAFT RESOLUTION - CAUCUS CONSIDERED ROMANIAN
RESOLUTION AND US AND EC DRAFTS (SEPTEL. AGREED

THAT REFERENCE TO CSCE SHOULD BE RETAINED IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 ALTHOUGH EE'S LIKELY TO SEEK DELETION. REFERENCE TO LDC'S PROBABLY WILL HAVE TO BE RETAINED, POSSIBLY IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 3 AS INDICATED IN EC DRAFT. RETENTION OF WORDS "SOVEREIGN AND EQUAL" MEMBER STATES IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 3 RESISTED BY EC AS UNNECESSARY POLITICAL REFERENCE AND CREATING PROBLEMS FOR CONCEPT OF EC UNITY. US ARGUED FOR RETENTION IN LIGHT OF STRONG ROMANIAN ATTACHMENT TO THESE WORDS AS LONG AS IT APPEARS FEASIBLE TO INCORPORATE THEM. US FELT WE SHOULD TEST HOW STRONGLY ROMANIANS WISH TO PURSUE THIS LINE. IN VIEW OF EC POSITION AND LIKELY SOVIET NEGATIVE REACTION, LIKELY THAT THESE WORDS WILL DISAPPEAR. AGREED THAT CONTACT GROUP (FRANCE, ITALY, GREECE, FINLAND, US) WOULD DISCUSS TEXT WITH ROMANIANS APRIL 3. BOTH EC AND US SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND, AT FINNISH SUGGESTION, NO COMMON WESTERN POSITION WOULD BE ADVANCED. THIS WOULD AVOID EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION AND PERMIT DIVERSITY OF APPROACH TO ROMANIANS AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALL MEMBERS IN BUCHAREST.

8. NEXT MEETING OF WESTERN CAUCUS - TO BE HELD AT CONFERENCE CENTER IN BUCHAREST ON APRIL 17 AT 1730.

9. CHAIRMAN OF WESTERN CAUCUS - AMBASSADOR FARACE (ITALY) WAS ONLY CANDIDATE PROPOSED AND SELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. HE WILL ASSUME DUTIES FOLLOWING 29TH PLENARY.

10. OTHER BUSINESS.- CONTACT GROUP CONCERNING ROTATION OF OFFICERS, CHAIRED BY BELGIAN AMBASSADOR, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(GENEVA 991) REPORTED THAT EAST IS AGREEABLE TO ANNUAL ROTATION BUT WANTED COMMITMENT TO PARITY IN WRITING. CAUCUS AGREED BELGIAN AMBASSADOR SHOULD SEND PERSONAL, INFORMAL LETTER TO HUNGARIAN COUNTERPART, WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN REASONS WESTERN GROUP WOULD LIKE ANNUAL ROTATION (TO BE APPLIED ONLY TO MEMBERS OF BUREAU OF COMMISSION AND NOT TO OTHER BODIES) AND SUGGEST MATTER BE RESOLVED BY INFORMAL "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT". LETTER WILL NOTE PAST PRACTICE BUT MAKE NO COMMITMENT TO PARITY.

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